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# Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017

## Part two: biennial programme plan

## Programme 8
## Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States

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## Overall orientation

8.1 The legislative authority for the programme derives from General Assembly resolutions: resolution 56/227, whereby the Assembly decided to establish the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; resolution 65/280, whereby the Assembly endorsed the Istanbul Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020; resolution 58/201, whereby the Assembly endorsed the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and the Almaty Declaration; resolution 63/2, whereby the Assembly adopted the outcome document of the high-level meeting of the sixty-third session of the Assembly on the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action; and resolution 59/311, whereby the Assembly endorsed the Mauritius Declaration and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

8.2 The mandate of the programme covers four main elements:

(a) Mobilization and coordination of international support and resources for the effective implementation of: (i) the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020; (ii) the outcome of the 10-year review of the Almaty Programme of Action; and (iii) the outcome of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States;

(b) Enhanced monitoring and follow-up to the three programmes of action;

(c) Awareness-raising and advocacy with respect to the three groups of countries (least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States) and their respective programmes of action;

(d) Reporting on the implementation of the programmes of action as effective tools for reaching the international development goals of the three groups of countries.

8.3 The programme will also contribute to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and in the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals and in the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and international agreements. It will mobilize international support in favour of its three groups of constituencies in the areas of capacity-building and increased technical and financial resources in promoting sustained growth and sustainable development. Gender mainstreaming and women's empowerment are an important dimension in the implementation of the three programmes of action.

8.4 The overall programme of work of the Office of the High Representative is designed around three interdependent and complementary subprogrammes, namely, subprogramme 1, Least developed countries, subprogramme 2, Landlocked developing countries, and subprogramme 3, Small island developing States.

8.5 The Office of the High Representative will use a combination of the following approaches and strategies:

(a) Raising awareness and advocating that the concerns of the three groups of countries be placed high on the global development cooperation agenda, to maintain the focus on their special needs;

(b) Monitoring and follow-up to foster supportive policies in groups of countries in special situations and their development partners in accordance with their respective programmes of action and other internationally agreed development goals, including the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals;

(c) Working with development partners, United Nations system organizations and other international and regional organizations, as well as parliaments and civil society, to ensure the mainstreaming of priorities identified in each of the three programmes of action at the national level, enhancing coherence between global policies and national strategies;

(d) Undertaking capacity-building of the three groups of countries towards the effective implementation of the programmes of action at the national level;

(e) Building partnerships towards the implementation of the three programmes of action and promoting South-South cooperation in various areas for the benefit of the countries of the three groups;

(f) Reaching out to all stakeholders, including partnerships with parliaments, civil society, foundations, the media, academia and the private sector, to enhance support for the three groups of countries;

(g) Maximizing synergies among the three subprogrammes, given the commonalities of problems and challenges of the countries in the three groups, including their structural weaknesses, their vulnerability to external shocks, the smallness of their economies, their marginal position in the world economy, their limited access to technology and their geographical disadvantages.

## Subprogramme 1
## Least developed countries

**Objective of the Organization**: To enable the least developed countries to achieve the goals of the Istanbul Programme of Action, including graduation from the least developed country category, and other internationally agreed development goals, including the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda, and contribute to mobilizing international support

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
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| (a) Increased global awareness and debate on development issues of relevance to the least developed countries, including gender dimensions | (a) (i) Increased number of resolutions, agreed conclusions, ministerial declarations and communiqués, reflecting consensus on major issues of direct relevance to the least developed countries |
| | (ii) Increased number of visits by unique end users to the website of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States |

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| (b) Effective implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action and other internationally agreed development goals related to the least developed countries, including increased international support for graduation | (b) (i) Increased number of the least developed countries meeting the criteria for graduation<br><br>(ii) Increased number of trading partners of the least developed countries implementing duty-free and quota-free market access |
| (c) Enhanced coordination among entities of the United Nations system and other international and multilateral organizations to ensure integrated follow-up and support for the least developed countries | (c) (i) Increased number of entities of the United Nations system and other international and multilateral organizations that provide support to the least developed countries and report on their activities<br><br>(ii) Increased number of joint activities that have a direct and positive impact on least developed countries, including task forces, workshops, seminars, panels, briefings and publications |

## Strategy

8.6 The strategy for the Least Developed Countries Unit will focus on:

(a) Raising awareness about the special needs of the least developed countries and advocating in favour of their special treatment, including through the integration of the provisions of the Istanbul Programme of Action into national development and cooperation frameworks by the least developed countries and development partners;

(b) Giving due priority to promoting the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals in the least developed countries;

(c) Mobilizing international support and resources in support of the development objectives of the least developed countries, including through South-South cooperation and support for a technology bank and science, technology and innovation supporting mechanism as well as enhanced investment;

(d) Strengthening United Nations system coordination and coherence, and building partnerships in support of the development objectives of the least developed countries, including participation in the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;

(e) Monitoring the achievement of the objectives, goals and targets of the Istanbul Programme of Action at the national, regional and global levels with a view to conducting a meaningful midterm review;

(f) Undertaking capacity-building of the least developed countries, including all relevant stakeholders, for the effective implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action, including graduation from the category, at the country level;

(g) Facilitating the effective participation of the least developed countries in the decision-making of various intergovernmental bodies, including through analytical work.

## Subprogramme 2
## Landlocked developing countries

**Objective of the Organization**: To enable landlocked developing countries to achieve the goals of a new programme of action aimed at addressing their special needs, and the internationally agreed development goals, including the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda, through strengthened transit systems, productive capacities, diversification, industrialization, connection to value chains, and the enhanced mobilization of international support

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
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| (a) Timely and effective implementation of the new programme of action | (a) Increased number of landlocked developing countries mainstreaming the new programme of action into their national development strategies |
| (b) Improved capacity of landlocked developing countries to participate effectively in the international trading system through increased regional and subregional cooperation, improved legal framework, and strengthened transit cooperation and trade facilitation | (b) (i) Increased number of specific trade facilitation initiatives implemented by landlocked developing countries, such as the standardization and simplification of procedures for border crossing, the freedom of transit, transparency, the reduction of fees, the use of single windows, and transit traffic agreements in accordance with the World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade Facilitation<br>(ii) Increased number of specific initiatives undertaken by the United Nations system and international organizations to improve the legal framework in transit and trade facilitation |
| (c) Increased international support to the follow-up to the new programme of action and increased coordination of the United Nations system participation and support | (c) (i) Increased number of new declarations, resolutions and decisions at the global and regional levels in favour of landlocked developing countries<br>(ii) Increased number of joint initiatives undertaken by the United Nations system and international organizations that have a direct and positive impact on landlocked developing countries |

### Strategy

8.7 The strategy for the Landlocked Developing Countries Unit will focus on:

(a) Serving as a focal point for the United Nations system for the overall coordination of, mobilization for, monitoring and reporting on, the implementation of the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries and the attainment of internationally agreed development goals, including the post-2015 development agenda as related to landlocked developing countries;

(b) Raising awareness and advocating for the special needs of landlocked developing countries at the international and regional levels;

(c) Supporting landlocked developing countries at the national and regional levels for the effective mainstreaming of the new programme of action into their national and regional development strategies;

(d) Mobilizing international support and resources and strengthening partnerships at the national, regional and global levels for the implementation of the new programme of action;

(e) Undertaking research and analysis on the impact of "landlockedness" on economic growth and the effective participation of landlocked developing countries in international trade, and developing policy recommendations;

(f) Improving coordination of the United Nations system, other international, regional and subregional organizations, development partners and the private sector in the effective implementation of the new programme of action.

## Subprogramme 3
## Small island developing States

**Objective of the Organization**: To enable small island developing States to foster achievement of the outcomes of the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
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| (a) Increased recognition and awareness of the special case and vulnerabilities of small island developing States in the implementation processes of the outcome of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States at the national, regional and global levels | (a) (i) Increased number of declarations, resolutions, decisions and provisions in support of the implementation of the outcome of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States<br><br>(ii) Increased number of advocacy activities that have a direct and positive impact on small island developing States, including capacity-building workshops, meetings, briefings and publications |

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| (b) Enhanced international support to small island developing States in implementing the outcome of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, and in adapting to and mitigating climate change | (b) Increased number of development partners that pledge support for small island developing States under the climate change financing mechanisms, such as the Green Climate Fund |
| (c) Enhanced inter-agency collaboration and partnerships in support of small island developing States | (c) Increased number of joint programmes and activities by development partners, the United Nations system, the private sector, academia and non-governmental organizations that have a direct and positive impact on small island developing States, including capacity-building workshops, and technical and financial assistance |

## Strategy

8.8 The strategy of the Small Island Developing States Unit will focus on:

(a) Actively promoting awareness of the issues and the special case of small island developing States through consistent advocacy internationally;

(b) Advocating and mobilizing international support towards the implementation of the outcome of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States and other internationally agreed goals;

(c) Supporting the building of partnerships towards the implementation of the outcome of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States;

(d) Through the inter-agency consultative group, supporting coherence and active participation of the United Nations system, other international organizations, subregional and regional organizations, the private sector and civil society in the implementation of the outcome of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States and the post-2015 development agenda.

## Legislative mandates

*General Assembly resolutions*

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| 55/2 | United Nations Millennium Declaration |
| 65/1 | Keeping the promise: united to achieve the Millennium Development Goals |
| 66/288 | The future we want |
| 67/290 | Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development |
| 68/1 | Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council |

## Subprogramme 1
## Least developed countries

*General Assembly resolutions*

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| 56/227 | Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries |
| 65/280 | Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 |
| 65/286 | Implementing the smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries |
| 66/213 | Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries |
| 67/220 | Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries |
| 67/221 | Smooth transition for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries |
| 68/224 | Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries |

*Economic and Social Council resolutions*

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| 2009/31 | Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 |
| 2010/27 | Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 |
| 2011/9 | Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 |
| 2012/26 | Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 |
| 2013/46 | Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 |

## Subprogramme 2
## Landlocked developing countries

*General Assembly resolutions*

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| 58/201 | Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries |

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| 63/2 | Outcome document of the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries |
| 65/172 | Groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation |
| 66/214 | Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation |
| 67/222 | Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation |
| 68/225 | Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation |

## Subprogramme 3
## Small island developing States

*General Assembly resolutions*

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| 59/311 | International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States |
| 64/199 | Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States |
| 65/156 | Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States |
| 66/198 | Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States |

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| 67/206 | International Year of Small Island Developing States |
| 67/207 | Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States |
| 68/238 | Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States |

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## Programme 9
## United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

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## Overall orientation

9.1 The General Assembly, in its resolution 57/7, endorsed the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) as the framework within which the international community should concentrate its efforts for Africa's development and called upon the United Nations system to enhance its advocacy role and public information activities in support of Africa's development. In the same resolution, the Assembly underscored the need for a structure in the Secretariat in New York to review and report on the support provided by the United Nations system and the international community for NEPAD and on the coordinated implementation of outcomes of summits and conferences as they relate to Africa. Subsequently, in its resolution 57/300, the Assembly endorsed the creation of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and entrusted to it the role of coordinating reports and advocacy in support of NEPAD.

9.2 The Assembly welcomed actions taken at the regional level by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) regarding the priority areas of NEPAD. The Regional Coordination Mechanism of United Nations system organizations working in Africa has become the core mechanism for enhancing United Nations system-wide coherence, coordination and cooperation at the regional and subregional levels in support of the African Union and its NEPAD programme.

9.3 NEPAD has been the overarching framework for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa. Despite progress made by African countries, levels of poverty, food insecurity and maternal and infant mortality remain high. Moreover, prospects for sustainable development are threatened by challenges to peace, security, governance, the rule of law and the environment. In the political declaration on Africa's development needs, adopted in 2008 (see General Assembly resolution 63/1), Member States noted that the full and timely achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa remained elusive and reaffirmed their commitment to address Africa's special needs.

9.4 NEPAD remains critical to the three dimensions of sustainable development in Africa (economic, social and environmental), as highlighted in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex). Efforts to devise a post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals reflecting Africa's needs and priorities are currently under way, including through intergovernmental processes such as the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals and the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing.

9.5 While the African Peace and Security Architecture of the African Union has contributed to peace and security on the continent, several African countries continue to experience factors of instability that undermine durable peace and sustainable development. The need for a comprehensive response to promoting peace, security and development was recognized in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/52/871-S/1998/318). The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/293, requested the Secretary-General to continue to monitor and report to the Assembly on an annual basis on persistent and emerging challenges to durable

peace and sustainable development in Africa and on the approach taken and the support provided by the United Nations system.

9.6 The United Nations is working to further support Africa in overcoming barriers to peace through the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/302, in which the Assembly acknowledged the efforts to enhance coordination and cooperation between the African Union Peace and Security Council and the United Nations Security Council in the areas of peace and security, including the joint annual consultative meetings between members of the two Councils. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to strengthen the role of the Interdepartmental/Inter-agency Task Force on Africa of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to bring greater coherence and coordination in the United Nations support to Africa for the Ten-Year Capacity-building Programme for the African Union and its successor programme, the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals, and other processes.

9.7 Increasingly, the international community has recognized the inextricable link between peace, security and development and the need to establish lasting conditions for peace as a basis for sustainable development. The Secretary-General, during visits to the Great Lakes Region and the Sahel with international and continental partners, has committed to provide practical support for peace, security and development in Africa. The Office of the Special Adviser on Africa will further reinforce the peace-security-development nexus in its advocacy and policy work.

9.8 The strategic plans of the African Union Commission and NEPAD for the period 2014-2017 coincide with ongoing negotiations to craft a successor programme to the Ten-Year Capacity-building Programme for the African Union by 2016 and the decision to develop an African agenda for the 50 years leading to 2063 to increase the coherence of the actions and initiatives of the African Union and its organs and of key stakeholders and partners. It is expected that the strategic plans of the African Union Commission and NEPAD will be adjusted to take account of the strategic directions charted by the African agenda to 2063 once it has been approved by the African Union. This will necessitate continuous adjustments in the implementation of the biennial programme plan to ensure that the United Nations remains supportive of changing NEPAD priorities.

9.9 On the basis of General Assembly resolutions 67/293 and 67/294 and the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (A/68/506), the Assembly has decided to strengthen the Office to enable it to address emerging challenges and opportunities at the global and regional levels and to better support Africa, particularly NEPAD. The report contains recommendations for specific measures to strengthen the Office so that it can implement its existing and expanded mandate more effectively.

9.10 The General Assembly has also strengthened the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to enable it to implement the mandate on the United Nations monitoring mechanism. The mechanism was established by Assembly resolution 66/293, following the report of the Secretary-General on a monitoring mechanism to review commitments towards Africa's development needs (A/65/165), submitted in compliance with paragraph 39 of the political declaration on Africa's development needs.

9.11 The Office the Special Adviser on Africa provides overall coordination and leadership for the programme, the joint responsibility for which it shares with ECA and the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat.

**Subprogramme 1**
**Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development**

**Objective of the Organization**: To strengthen international cooperation in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
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| (a) Increased international community support for Africa's development, in general, and for NEPAD, in particular | (a) (i) Increased number of United Nations system activities in support of Africa's development |
| | (ii) Increased number of international forums addressing South-South cooperation in support of Africa |
| (b) Improved monitoring of the implementation of commitments towards Africa's development | (b) (i) Increased number of monitored and assessed commitments by African countries towards meeting Africa's development needs |
| | (ii) Increased number of monitored and assessed commitments by Africa's development partners towards meeting Africa's development needs |
| (c) Improved United Nations coordination in providing support to Africa's development | (c) Increased number of projects, programmes and activities coordinated through the Interdepartmental/Inter-agency Task Force on Africa in support of Africa's development |
| (d) Increased international awareness of Africa's development issues | (d) Increased number of visits to the websites of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa |

**Strategy**

9.12 Responsibility for subprogramme 1 is vested in the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa. The subprogramme will ensure that African development issues are effectively addressed in the intergovernmental debates and adequately incorporated into the resolutions emerging from that process. It will endeavour to raise international awareness of African development issues through its policy, analytical and advocacy activities. It will seek to engage key interlocutors involved in Africa's development to raise awareness and mobilize support for Africa's development through participation in key forums. It will work to strengthen coherence and coordination of United Nations efforts in support of Africa by holding meetings of the Interdepartmental/Inter-agency Task Force on Africa. It will also strengthen its engagement with the private sector and civil society, including

the African diaspora, to mobilize international support for Africa's development. It will continue to analyse and draw attention to the root causes of conflict in African countries, monitor early warning signals and make recommendations on steps that need to be taken to tackle violent conflict in African countries.

9.13 The subprogramme will ensure that Africa remains a priority in the formulation of a post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals and in their implementation in the future. The Office of the Special Adviser on Africa will work closely with other United Nations bodies at the global, regional and subregional levels.

9.14 The Office will also work closely with Member States, the African Union, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, regional economic communities, the secretariat of the African Peer Review Mechanism and the United Nations system in the performance of its functions. It will work with the private sector to raise awareness of investment opportunities in Africa and support NEPAD in mobilizing investment for its flagship programmes, including the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa.

9.15 As part of the United Nations monitoring mechanism, the Office will monitor implementation of all commitments made towards Africa's development. In that regard, the Office will mobilize the United Nations system through the Interdepartmental/Inter-agency Task Force on Africa and elicit inputs from civil society, the private sector and academia in line with General Assembly resolution 66/293. As a co-organizer of the Tokyo international conferences on African development, the Office will work to ensure the full implementation of commitments made at the Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development. The Office will promote South-South cooperation and support African countries in devising effective strategies to maximize the benefits from those partnerships.

9.16 In its capacity as the convener of the advocacy and communications cluster of the Regional Coordination Mechanism in Africa, the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa will work with the African Union Commission, ECA, the Department of Public Information and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency to develop a comprehensive advocacy and communications strategy for NEPAD, as well as for the Ten-Year Capacity-building Programme for the African Union and its successor.

**Subprogramme 2**
**Regional coordination of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development**

**Objective of the Organization**: To strengthen United Nations system-wide support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme, at the regional and subregional levels, within the context of the Ten-Year Capacity-building Programme for the African Union and its successor, as well as the strategic plans and priorities of African Union organs and institutions

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
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| (a) Enhanced coherence, coordination and cooperation among United Nations agencies and organizations in support of African Union | (a) Increased number of joint projects implemented by United Nations agencies and organizations through the Regional |

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| strategic plans and priorities, including the NEPAD programme, at the regional and subregional levels | Coordination Mechanism in Africa in support of African Union strategic plans and priorities, including the NEPAD programme, at the regional and subregional levels |
| (b) Enhanced capacity of regional and subregional organizations, particularly the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, African Peer Review Mechanism secretariat, regional economic communities and intergovernmental organizations to design, implement and monitor their programmes | (b) Increased number of joint capacity development projects and activities implemented at the regional and subregional levels by the United Nations system in the context of the Regional Coordination Mechanism in Africa, the Subregional Coordination Mechanism and their thematic clusters |

**Strategy**

9.17 Substantive responsibility for subprogramme 2 is vested in ECA. The activities will be undertaken by the Capacity Development Division. ECA will work closely with other United Nations bodies at the global, regional and subregional levels, particularly with the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, the Department of Public Information, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Regional Directors' teams through various mechanisms, including the Regional Coordination Mechanism in Africa and its thematic clusters.

9.18 The strategy will include enhanced support to the African Union and its NEPAD programme through inter-agency coordination of the Ten-Year Capacity-building Programme for the African Union and its successor. Coordination will be strengthened with the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, the secretariat of the African Peer Review Mechanism, regional economic communities, the African Development Bank and other regional organizations to ensure effective support for the strategic plans of the African Union Commission and NEPAD and reporting on progress in the implementation of United Nations support.

9.19 The subprogramme will develop a regional development cooperation framework aligned with the priorities of the African Union and its NEPAD programme to strengthen the Regional Coordination Mechanism in Africa and United Nations support to the African Union and its NEPAD programme.

9.20 ECA will deepen technical support for Member States, the African Union Commission and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency in their priority areas. It will substantively contribute to the preparation of the reports of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of NEPAD and work to implement resolutions arising from the reports. ECA will develop the capacity of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency to plan and coordinate regional projects in the context of the African agenda to 2063.

9.21 As the secretariat of the Regional Coordination Mechanism in Africa, ECA will strengthen coherence and coordination within the clusters by developing operational guidelines and business plans, promoting cluster communications and backstopping the meetings of the Regional Coordination Mechanism in Africa and its clusters.

**Subprogramme 3**
**Public information and awareness activities in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development**

**Objective of the Organization**: To raise international support for the economic, political and social development of Africa, as well as for the efforts made by Africa and the international community to promote the economic recovery and sustainable development of the region in pursuit of the goals of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the achievement of the sustainable development goals

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
|---|---|
| (a) Enhanced awareness of key thematic issues of NEPAD and other issues related to economic recovery and sustainable development in Africa | (a) (i) Increased number of visits and page views on the *Africa Renewal* website<br>(ii) Increased number of online news features picked up and reprinted or republished by local media as a result of continuing interest |

**Strategy**

9.22 Substantive responsibility for subprogramme 3 lies with the Department of Public Information. The overall strategy involves the development of global communications plans on priority issues affecting Africa, including generating support for the African Union and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency in Africa and in donor countries and for the sustainable development goals. The strategy is aimed at ensuring that such plans are implemented in coordination with the rest of the Department of Public Information, the United Nations Communications Group and the United Nations system as a whole, including the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, ECA and the Ten-Year Capacity-building Programme for the African Union and its successor. Activities will include publication of *Africa Renewal* magazine, web-only news and analysis, background notes, press releases and briefing papers for use by external media, both African and international. Dissemination to diverse target groups, such as youth, parliamentarians, policymakers, civil society and academic institutions, will be achieved through direct contact with individuals and groups, including through systematic outreach to African and international media to ensure that key players are informed of major initiatives affecting sustainable development in Africa.

## Legislative mandates

*General Assembly resolutions*

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| 54/234 | The causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa |
| 57/2 | United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development |
| 57/7 | Final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development |

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| 57/300 | Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change |
| 63/1 | Political declaration on Africa's development needs |
| 63/267 | New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support |
| 63/304 | Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa |
| 64/258 | New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support |
| 65/1 | Keeping the promise: united to achieve the Millennium Development Goals |
| 65/284 | New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support |
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